(b) and (c) Bearers have avenue of promotion to Group 'C' posts of Sales Incharge/Junior Clerk/Bill Issuer (Rs. 825—1200) and Stores-cum-Accounts Clerks (Rs. 950—1500), from where they can progress in the cadre of Catering Managers where at the level of Asstt. Catering Managers a quota for promotion has been fixed and then right upto the post of Chief Catering Manager (Rs. 2000—3200). etc.

(d) Avenue of promotion available to Bearers are considered adequate.

Book Stalls on Indian Railways

1052. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the contracts of book stalls on Indian Railways are awarded/renewed for a period of five-years ;

(b) whether there is any book stall contract on Indian Railways which has been renewed for a period of nine years ; and

(c) if so, what is the justification for adopting two types of procedures for the same type of licences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In 1967, it was decided to delete the clause of "Automatic renewal" from the agreements of M/s A. H. Wheeler and Co. and M/s Higginbotham but to extend their period of agreements from 5 years to 9 years.

Amount Paid by M/s A. H. Wheeler and Co. Etc.

1053. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of amount paid by M/s A. H. Wheeler and Company and M/s Higgins Bothams and Company, Madras, separately as a royalty, Station-wise, on the Western, Central, Northern, South-Eastern, Eastern, South-Central, North-Eastern and North East Frontier Railways, month and year-wise from 1st January, 1988 to 31st December, 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Reduction of Posts of Officers in Railways

1054. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided by Government recently to reduce 20% post of the higher grade officers in all the departments of Zonal Railways including Railway Board so as to reduce the expenditure thereon ;

(b) if so, what is the number of posts of Dy./Jt. Directors/Directors and Executive Directors that have been reduced from each Directorate of the Railway Board ; and

(c) the time fixed for implementation of the above decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Ministry of Railways have decided to keep the operation of a certain number (not 20%) of higher grade posts in abeyance as an economy measure.

(b) and (c) The following six posts have been held in abeyance, namely (i) one Member of the Railway Board (ii) Executive Director, Vigilance (Accounts) (iii) Joint Director (Training & Manpower Planning) (iv) Joint Director (Safety) (v) Railway Liaison Officer and (vi) Joint Director (Computerisation & Information Systems).

मध्य प्रदेश में आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशन

1055. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में अब तक कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों को आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशनों में बदला जा चुका है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ रेलवे स्टेशनों को आदर्श रेलवे स्टेशनों में परिवर्तित करने की योजना बनाई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन स्टेशनों के नाम क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) (क) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में 7 रेलवे स्टेशनों यथा ग्वालियर, भोपाल, जबलपुर, बिलासपुर रायपुर इन्दौर और दुर्ग को आदर्श स्टेशनों के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए चुना गया था, इस संबंध में बिलासपुर और इन्दौर स्टेशनों पर निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो गया है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

मूलभूत रेल परिवहन सुविधाओं का विकास

1056. **कुमारी आलिया** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश में विशेषत: कोंकण रेल परियोजना के लिए खाड़ी क्षेत्र में रहने वाले अनिवासी भारतीयों के पूंजी-निवेश से रेल परिवहन संबंधी मूलभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस पर अब तक क्या प्रतिक्रिया रही है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) कोंकण रेलवे कार्पोरेशन की 400 करोड़ रुपये की हिस्सा पूंजी में केंद्र सरकार तथा महाराष्ट्र, कर्नाटक, गोवा और केरल की राज्य सरकारों द्वारा निम्नलिखित अनुपात में अंशदान किया जाना है :—

केन्द्र सरकार (रेल मंत्रालय)	51 प्रतिशत
महाराष्ट्र	22 प्रतिशत
कर्नाटक	15 प्रतिशत
गोवा	6 प्रतिशत
केरल	6 प्रतिशत

निर्माण की शेष लागत, जिसका अनुमान 1400 करोड़ रुपये है, पूरी करने के लिए खुले बाजार से, मुख्यत: 9% कर-मुक्त बंध-पत्रों के रूप में, ऋण लेने का प्रस्ताव है । ये बंध-पत्र अप्रवासी भारतीयों को भी उपलब्ध हो सकें, इसके लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की अनुमति मांगी गई है । इसलिए अप्रवासी भारतीयों की फिलहाल केवल बंध-पत्रों में भागीदारी पर ही विचार किया गया है, हिस्सा पूंजी में भागीदारी पर नहीं ।

Accident of Passenger Train at Tsunder near Vijayawada

1057. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a passenger train rammed into a goods train at Tsunder near Vijayawada at 9.00 P.M. on 5th April, 1992 killing at least 20 persons and injuring several others ;

(b) if so, what were the circumstances leading to the accident ; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been made into the cause of the accident ; if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) On 5-4-92 at 21.10 hrs., when a goods train, which was detained at the home signal of Tsunduru Station on South Central Railway, had barely started from the home signal towards the station, 423 Bitragunta-Vijayawada Passenger train came from the rear and collided against it. As a result, 21 persons were killed and 17 were injured, out of whom 2 were grievously hurt. The accident is being inquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Secunderabad.